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of the Speaker, in contravention of the rules, he may amend the question to secure its compliance with the rules and inform the Member concerned accordingly. Under this rule, the Speaker has got full powers to amend a question and admit it in the form he chooses subject to conditions laid down in rules 30 and 51. Most of the questions are admitted with certain modifications so that they may conform to the Rules. The questions as finally admitted are communicated to the Members so that if they wish to make any further representations to the Speaker, they may do so. Their representations are again considered by the Speaker and the final decisions of the Speaker are again communicated to the Members concerned.

In this particular case—Question No. 679 put by Sri T. S. Ramaswamy—the question was amended and admitted. The Member was informed of the fact with a copy of the question as amended in this office letter, dated 22nd January 1958. The hon. Member again put in further representations and they were considered by the Speaker and final orders communicated to the Member.

I would like to suggest that this House may establish a convention that it would not be correct on the part of any hon. Member to raise such questions in the open House. But the Speaker would be most happy to discuss these matters in his Chamber and this should, I think, be the convention established in this House.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE* MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Hon. Chairman, Madras Legislative Council, has transmitted the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1958) and the Madras Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1958) as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 17th March 1958 without any amendment.

IV.—DEMANDS FOR FURTHER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1957–58.

MR. SPEAKER : The next item is Demands for further Expenditure for the year 1957–58. The Hon. Minister for Finance will present Statement of Demands for further expenditure and the Detailed Supplementary Estimates thereof for the year 1957–58.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to present to this House the second supplementary estimates for the year 1957–58. Hon. Members will remember that a first supplementary estimate for the year was obtained in November 1957 for a sum of Rs. 77 lakhs mainly for New Service Schemes.

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The present supplementary demand is for Rs. 5,18 lakhs under the Revenue Account, Rs. 4,58 lakhs under Capital Account and Rs. 10,09 lakhs under Loans and Advances and repayment of Public Debt, making up a total of Rs. 19,85 lakhs roundly. The present supplementary demand covers 37 grants, out of which, only token sums are proposed for 8 grants. The size of the supplementary demand is indeed large, but this should not cause us undue concern because savings of about the same order as the additional amounts asked for under revenue and capital accounts are available under the different grants. According to the present system of budgeting, savings under one grant cannot be utilised for expenditure under another and therefore fresh demands have to be moved to cover the excesses under individual grants.

Out of the sum of Rs. 5.18 lakhs on the Revenue Account, about Rs. 183 lakhs are for various items under Civil Works consequent on the increased tempo of Plan Outlay, but this is more than offset by corresponding credits. Under the system of gross budgeting, the outlay has to be voted for by Legislature notwithstanding the increase in the credits. The balance of the demand under Revenue Account is accounted for mainly by larger appropriations under Irrigation (Rs. 67 lakhs); District Administation and Miscellaneous (Rs. 47 lakhs) to allow for payment of enhanced dearness allowance and subsidies on New Well Schemes; Stationery and Printing (Rs. 28 lakhs); Police and Fire Services (Rs. 74 lakhs). Out of the sum of Rs. 74 lakhs under ' Police ', Rs. 31 lakhs is for the expenditure on the Malabar Special Police companies sent to Assam, and will be recovered in full from the Government of Assam.

Turning to the Capital Account, out of the total additional demand of Rs. 4,58 lakhs nearly Rs. 109 lakhs are on irrigation schemes on which progress has been more rapid than anticipated. Rupees 154 lakhs have been provided for increased debit under suspense items under Capital Outlay on Public Health. The supplementary estimates also include a provision for payment to the Government of India of dues towards the cost of fertilizers purchased in 1956–57 (Rs. 1,57 lakhs).

Under repayment of Public Debt a sum of Rs. 910 lakhs has been included towards clearing the ways and means advances taken from the Government of India in the current year. A sum of Rs. 76 lakhs incurred by us in earlier years on the Neyveli Lignite investigations is being adjusted as a loan to the Government of India as per the agreement with that Government. This is only a book adjustment because a corresponding credit is being shown in the Revenue Account.

With these words, Sir, I commend the supplementary estimates for the acceptance of this House.